

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 – 21. Canceled.

22. (Currently Amended) An electric household appliance, ~~especially a dishwasher,~~ comprising:

- a receptacle for receiving items to be handled by the electric household appliance;
- a door permitting access to the receptacle; and
- a door lock for the door, the door lock having a frame with an opening for a hook, a closing member ~~such as a closing lever~~ movably mounted in the frame, a closing spring disposed between the closing member and a counter-bearing in the frame, a gripping device, the closing member being connected to the gripping device, and means for selectively ~~inhibiting the~~ blocking movement of the closing member, the means for selectively blocking ~~the~~ movement of the closing member being selectively positionable between a first position in which the means for selectively blocking ~~the~~ movement of the closing member blocks a ~~respective~~ movement of the closing member, whereupon the blocked ~~respective~~ movement of the closing member operates as a child safety feature and a second position in which the means for selectively blocking ~~the~~ movement of the closing member does not block ~~the respective~~ movement of the closing member, whereupon the child safety feature is deactivated.

23. (Currently Amended) The electric household appliance according to claim 22, wherein, in the first position with the child safety feature activated, a locking head of the means for selectively blocking is inserted into a recess of the closing lever member or

rests on ~~the~~ an edge of the closing member lever and the movement of the closing ~~lever~~ member is thereby positively blocked.

24. (Currently Amended) The electric household appliance according to claim 22, ~~and further comprising wherein the means for selectively blocking movement~~ comprises a locking head which, in the first position of the means for selectively blocking with the child safety feature activated, is inserted in a recess of a portion of the door, ~~for example,~~ a side wall of the frame or a control panel so that as a result of a positive connection between the locking head and ~~the boundary of~~ the recess, ~~the~~ any forces applied to the ~~means for selectively blocking~~ locking head are transferred to the ~~boundary of~~ the recess.

25. (Currently Amended) The electric household appliance according to claim [[22]] 23, wherein[[,]] when the means for selectively blocking is located in the second position with the child safety feature deactivated, the locking head of the means for selectively blocking is located outside the recess of the closing member or does not rest on the edge of the closing member lever and thereby the movement of the closing member is not blocked.

26. (Currently Amended) The electric household appliance according to claim [[22]] 25, wherein the locking head of the means for selectively blocking moves between the first position and the second position ~~can preferably be moved~~ in a direction of movement that is substantially perpendicular to the direction of movement of the closing member, and wherein the locking head of the means for selectively blocking has a conical shape with increasing diameter beginning at the free end of the locking head ~~means for selectively blocking~~ so that, when very high forces act on the closing member, ~~as a result of a small angle of inclination, i.e., 20° (twenty degrees), between the angled~~ contact between a circumferential surface of the locking head ~~means for selectively blocking and the~~ and a bearing surface of the recess of the closing member or the edge of

the closing member generates a normal force that causes ~~on the means for selectively blocking, e.g. the boundary surface of the recess,~~ the means for selectively blocking ~~can to move~~ be moved into the second position ~~due to resulting normal forces in the means for selectively blocking.~~

27. (Currently Amended) The electric household appliance according to claim 22, wherein the closing spring is tensioned ~~in an open position of the door lock, and wherein~~ the gripping device is pressed against a part of the frame ~~or in the frame~~ by the closing spring at a contact point ~~in the open position of~~ when the door lock is in an open position, ~~thus preventing the release of the spring,~~ wherein the gripping device has a gripping latch into which a hook is guided on passing through the opening in the frame and has a contact surface onto which the incoming hook presses, ~~and thereby causing~~ causings a movement of the gripping device, ~~and wherein~~ the gripping device is shaped so that it rotates and loses contact with the contact point as the hook presses into the gripping device, during a movement of the hook and wherein the closing spring ~~can thereby thereafter presses the gripping device into a new position which latches the door lock in a closed position~~ be released.

28. (Currently Amended) The electric household appliance according to claim 22, wherein the means for selectively blocking comprises a locking head that is fixed to a pivoted shaft by means of a pivoted lever so that the locking head of the means for selectively blocking can execute a rotary movement between the first position and the second position.

29. (Currently Amended) The electric household appliance according to claim 28, wherein the means for selectively blocking further comprises and further comprising a restoring lever connected to the pivoted shaft and a spring that acts against the restoring lever to apply, ~~whereby~~ a restoring moment ~~can be applied~~ to the pivoted shaft so that

the means for selectively blocking is ~~pressed into~~ biased towards the first position to activate the child safety feature.

30. (Currently Amended) The electric household appliance according to claim 28, wherein the means for selectively blocking further comprises and further comprising a preferably rectangular plate made of plastic with a locating lug and a limiting lug is formed on an adjusting lever connected to the pivoted shaft, wherein a rectangular plate is formed on the adjusting lever, the rectangular plate including a protruding locating lug and a protruding limiting lug, and wherein, as a result of the thickness of the plate, the plate can be is elastically deformable deformed under application of small forces.

31. (Currently Amended) The electric household appliance according to claim 30, wherein the door lock comprises a handle with a gripping shell, and wherein a free end of beginning with the free end, the adjusting lever projects partly over a slot-shaped recess in a the gripping shell into a handle of the door , and wherein a lateral or horizontal movement of the free end of the adjusting lever will cause pivoting movement of the pivoted shaft that will cause the such that as a result of a movement of the adjusting lever the means for selectively blocking can to be moved between the first position and the second position to activate and deactivate the child safety features, wherein the direction of movement of the adjusting lever in the handle is preferably lateral and horizontal.

32. (Currently Amended) The electric household appliance according to claim 31, wherein the adjusting lever can be used to fix the means for selectively blocking detachably fixed in the second position of the means for selectively blocking for continuous deactivation of the child safety feature, whereby the adjusting lever rests with a limiting strip on a flat area, e.g. of the panel dish and the movement of the adjusting lever to the first position is blocked by the locating lug on the limiting strip.

33. Canceled.

34. (Currently Amended) The electric household appliance according to claim 22, wherein the means for selectively blocking is arranged on an actuating slider in a slider housing and by means of a translational movement of the actuating slider in the slider housing, the means for selectively blocking can be moved between the first position and the second position ~~and conversely, preferably between two stop points.~~

35. (Currently Amended) The electric household appliance according to claim 34, wherein the door lock comprises a handle with a gripping shell, and wherein the means for selectively blocking further comprises ~~and further comprising~~ an actuating lever is formed on the actuating slider, the actuating lever projecting from which projects ~~via a slot in the gripping shell of the handle, therein and wherein~~ the actuating slider can thereby be moved ~~from the handle with the actuating lever~~ to move the means for selectively blocking between the first and second ~~position, positions, and~~ wherein the actuating lever ~~can be~~ is pressed into the first position by a spring.

36. (Currently Amended) The electric household appliance according to claim 35, wherein the means for selectively blocking further comprises ~~and further comprising~~ a locating lug is formed on the actuating slider, wherein when the means for selectively blocking is ~~which~~ in the second position, of the actuating slider engages in a recess of the slider housing ~~and preferably either the displacement of the actuating slider from the second position into the first position can be executed only by the actuating lever or the locating lug must be additionally pressed in via a recess on the gripping shell of the handle using a sharp object.~~

37. (Currently Amended) The electric household appliance according to claim 22, wherein the movement of the means for selectively blocking ~~from~~ between the first to the second positions ~~position and conversely~~ to activate and deactivate the child safety

feature can be accomplished ~~is adjustable~~ from the a top of the door using an actuating element.

38. (Currently Amended) The electric household appliance according to claim 37, wherein the actuating element, ~~e.g. a lever, a cup-shaped disk or a part which can be actuated using a screwdriver~~ is arranged fixedly or removably is removably mounted on the top of the door.

39. (Currently Amended) The electric household appliance according to claim 38, wherein the actuating element is connected to an actuating shaft on which a cam is formed, and wherein rotation of the actuating shaft causes the cam to move the ~~and using the cam on the actuating shaft the pivoted lever with~~ means for selectively blocking ~~can be moved from~~ between the first and second positions ~~into the second position and conversely.~~

40-42. Canceled.

43. (New) The electric household appliance according to claim 22, wherein the closing spring biases the closing member towards a locked position.

44. (New) The electric household appliance according to claim 22, wherein the gripping device is pivotally mounted on the closing member.